

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1382 - HB 1520

March 26, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Prohibits a health insurance carrier from requiring notification by a provider within one business day of an inpatient admission.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Potential Impact on Health Insurance Premiums (required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 3-2-111): The proposed legislation will not impact any pre-authorization requirements that the plans may have. There should be no impact to insurance premiums.

Assumptions:

- Currently, a health insurance carrier is prohibited from requiring notification by a provider of an inpatient emergency admission within one business day.
- Extending the notification requirement prohibition to all inpatient hospital admissions will not impact the pre-authorization requirements of the TennCare program or the State, Local Education, and Local Government plans.
- Any local government that has not opted into the state employee health plan will not incur a fiscal impact.
- The Department of Commerce and Insurance will not incur a significant increase in expenditures to enforce the provisions of the legislation through the investigation of any complaints that are filed. Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director

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